14 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM

John F. Blake

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT:

Review of Mr. Sorensen's Draft Confirmation

Statement

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1. At approximately 8:00 A.M., Friday, 14 January 1977, contacted me on the following matter. Mr. Sorensen had completed the previous evening a draft confirmation hearing statement. He had asked that it be reviewed by selected senior officers of the Agency and their comments be given to him. told me he had made Messrs. Bush and Knoche, as well as aware of this matter.

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- copy of the statement as well as having other copies available for members of the 9:00 A.M. Meeting. I further told him I would think through an area of propriety that was on my mind on this issue.
- 3. The 9:00 A.M. group was convened as an ad hoc session of those present. I informed them of Mr. Sorensen's request and established the following ground rules, which met with approval of the collective body:
 - a. We would address ourselves only to institutional matters, i.e., correct any factual errors or present advice if we felt his portrayal of institutional positions should be reconsidered.
 - b. Grammatical changes would be accepted as a service.

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- c. We should not address ourselves to any matters in the statement that bore on his personal philosophy, explanations of any past acts or positions he had taken, etc.
- d. We would meet as a body of equals and decisions would be approved by a consensus.
- 4. In previous discussion between myself it was agreed that separate statement to Mr. Sorensen.
- 8. The meeting was conducted in the frame of reference discussed above and concluded at 10:00 A.M. About six professional observations were made that were to be relayed to Mr. Sorensen. At the conclusion of the meeting all copies of the draft statement, with the exception of copy, were reclaimed and returned

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BRIEFING - MR. THEODORE C. SORENSEN - DCI DESIGNATE

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I. PURPOSE

In general to acquaint you with facilities and services available to you as DCI. There will be particular emphasis on protection to be afforded you once you are sworn to office. Bob Gambino, our Director of Security, will discuss this matter in some detail.

II. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Would like to discuss some personal matters, such as pay, availability of various kinds of insurance, and leave one form and ask you to executive it and return it before you are sworn:

A. Pay Data

On a subsequent visit, we can assist on the various federal and local tax forms.

B. Declaration of Appointment

Must be executed before being sworn to office.

C. <u>Life and Health Insurance</u>

Facts on Programs Available:

- 1) Life
 a) Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI)
 b) Agency "UBLIC" Plan
- 2) Health

Information on various plans available. Can give you a detailed explanation of different benefits at a later date.

3) <u>Travel Insurance</u>
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III. MEDICAL

Suggest we get you and our Chief Doctor together soon after your arrival. We can assume responsibility for your health-care needs or furnish advice on private physicians.

IV. RESIDENCE

Will furnish a direct line to your home from our switchboard and give you secretarial-type of phone-operator service.

Will furnish a home safe.

V. OTHER FACILITIES

- A. Executive Dining Room
- B.

Used for transport to training site, plus executive transport.

- C. Furnished assigned vehicle
- D. Glad to help out in any changes in your physical office you would like

VI. SECURITY

Suggest Mr. Gambino now concentrate on various matters pertaining to personal and official security.

ENTRANCE-ON-DUTY PACKAGE FOR DIRECTOR SORENSEN

Attached at <u>Tab A</u>: "Declaration of Appointee" (SF 61-B); "Statement of Prior Federal Civilian and Military Service" (SF 144); "Residence and Dependency Report" (Form 61); "Appointment Affidavits" (2). Presidential appointees need 2 Appointment Affidavits, and both are to be signed personally by the appointee and the official who administers the Oath of Office. One copy is kept in the appointee's Official Personnel Folder and the other is forwarded to the Department of State. If the Oath is administered at the White House, the White House will usually take care of the Appointment Affidavits, along with securing the official Commission. If, as in the case of Mr. Bush, the Oath is administered at the CIA, it is our responsibility to ensure that the Appointment Affidavits are signed as required.

Tab B -- Pay Matters: The Pay Sheet was prepared by the Office of Finance and delivered to the Office of Personnel by We have no idea where Mr. Sorenson plans to reside; thus, for local income tax purposes, we have included forms from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. We have filled in his name and date of birth based on information obtained from "Who's Who."

Attached at <u>Tab C</u> is information concerning Federal Employees' Group <u>Life Insurance (FEGLI)</u>.

Attached at $\underline{\text{Tab }D}$ is a health benefits registration form and information concerning various health insurance plans.

Attached at <u>Tab E</u> are cards containing information about UBLIC, Flight and <u>Accident insurance</u>, Air Flight Trip Insurance, and Military Air Flight Trip Insurance.

Attached at $\overline{\text{Tab }F}$ is information concerning Central Processing Branch, the Physical Fitness Room, and the Employee Activity Association. Along with the information on EAA, we have included an application form which shows the amount of money required for various types of membership.

Attached at <u>Tab G</u> is an application card and brochure concerning the Credit Union. Also, the Assistant Manager of the Credit Union prepared a memorandum which contains additional information about the Credit Union. You might want to have this with you in case you are asked any questions, but it is probably more than you will need.

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EXECUTIVE SECURE VOICE NETWORK:

Plans are under way to provide secure voice capability from key Agency official residences to the CIA Operations Center. The interim system will be VHF and utilize a crypto chip for speech encryption. The VHF radio

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component of the system, and will allow secure voice conversations to the Operations Center as well as to each residence within the net.

The system is push to talk, and being VIIF will require an antenna similar to that used for TV reception. It should be noted that this system is interim until such time as an efficient cost effective wire line system is available. Prior to installation in any residence, a communications survey must be accomplished to ensure the system will function.

Components of the Headquarters portion of the system are scheduled for installation in January 1977, to be followed with system installation in three residences shortly thereafter.

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SECRETARIAL ASSISTED TELEPHONE SERVICE:

Secretarial telephone operator service is provided on a continuous basis to both the Director's office and residence. The Telephone Branch maintains a list of persons and telephone numbers frequently called by the Director. This list is utilized to assist in expeditiously contacting persons for the Director. Also, when the Director travels, the Telephone Branch is furnished appropriate information to allow him or other members of his entourage to be contacted should the need arise.

Calls received at the switchboard requesting the Director by either name or title are screened by the operator to the extent possible. If the call is deemed legitimate, it is passed to the Director's secretary along with the name of the individual calling. "Crank" calls, if they can be identified, are passed to the Office of Security. A list of known individuals who regularly make "crank" calls to the Director is maintained by the Telephone Branch to assist in the screening process.

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Faithfully yours.

/s/ E. H. Knoche

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Mr. James V. Hirsch Member, SIGINT Task Force Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Jim:

I have written today thanking him for his outstanding accomplishments in fulfilling the tasking I gave him on 9 July 1976 as my Special Assistant for SIGINT and as Chairman of the SIGINT Task Force.

I wish to extend my highest respect and appreciation to you as a member of that Task Force. I am most aware that your activities were greatly expanded over that which was originally envisioned. The dedication and expertise you demonstrated all during this period was of the highest order and should be a matter of great personal satisfaction to you.

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